

REMARKS

Claims 1-74 currently remain in the application.

Interview Summary

Applicant argued that Wiltshire does not mention tilt or error handling. The Examiner agreed and stated a further search on the claims would be necessary.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18-21, 24, 25, 27-58, 60-65, 67-70, 72 and 73 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wiltshire (USPN 6,409,602). The rejection is respectively traversed.

Claims 1-38, 60-68 and 73-74 describe a modular tilt handling system that is implemented on a gaming machine used to play games. As discussed in the interview and agreed upon by the Examiner, Wiltshire does not describe tilt or error handling. Thus, Wiltshire does not describe a modular tilt handling system that is implemented on a gaming machine. Therefore for at least these reasons, Wiltshire can't be said to anticipate claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18-21, 24, 25, 27-58, 60-65, 67-70, 72 and 73 and the rejection is believed overcome thereby.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 17, 23, 26, 59, 66, 71 and 74 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiltshire (USPN 6,409,602) in view of Brunner, et al. (USPN 4,727,544)

The capabilities in Brunner recited by the Examiner, such as the abilities to display tilts, does not overcome the deficiencies described above with respect to Wiltshire which does not describe a modular tilt handling system or any type of tilt handling system. Further, Brunner teaches executing the game software from EPROMs, which teaches away from the present invention. Therefore, for at least these reasons Weiss and Brunner or the combinations of Wiltshire and Brunner can't be said to render obvious the inventions as recited in claims 3, 17, 23, 26, 59, 66, 71 and 74 and the objection is believed overcome thereby.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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